

Former Member of the Algonquin College Board of Governors wins provincial award for community service

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Ottawa, ON, October 18, 2010 – Fred Blackstein, former member of Algonquin College's Board of Governors, has been recognized for his work to help bring a brand new Algonquin College campus to Pembroke, Ontario, with the William G. Davis Community Volunteer Award, part of the [Colleges Ontario](#) Awards recognizing excellence in the college sector.

"On behalf of the entire College community I would like to congratulate Fred on this honour and thank him for all of his work to bring a new Algonquin College campus to Pembroke," says Robert Gillett, President of Algonquin College. "The push for a new Pembroke campus has benefited a great deal from his outstanding vision, exceptional ability to marshal community resources, and his expertise in managing large, community-based projects."

Mr. Blackstein has been a strong advocate for college education since the 1960s and has spent the last six years as a Board of Governors member at Algonquin College focusing largely on the development of a new \$36-million campus project in Pembroke.

"Mr. Blackstein has incredible drive and a remarkable and seemingly endless supply of energy and enthusiasm," adds Gillett. "The results of his relentless efforts mean that more students will be able to achieve their academic and career goals at Algonquin."

Scheduled to open in the Fall of 2012, the new facility will allow the full-time student population on the Pembroke Campus to grow to upwards of 1,000 per semester. To be built on a parcel of land being made available by the City of Pembroke, near its waterfront, the 80,000 square foot facility will be built to exacting [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design \(LEED\)](#) standards as part of the College's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Mr. Blackstein began his career as a nuclear engineer and was named to the Order of Canada in 2006. The William G. Davis Community Volunteer Award will be presented during the Higher Education Summit conference next month in Toronto.

"Fred Blackstein has made a tremendous contribution to helping more students pursue higher education," said Linda Franklin, the President and CEO of Colleges Ontario. "He is a deserving recipient of this award and we thank him for his commitment and all of his contributions."

Colleges Ontario is the organization that advocates on behalf of the province's 24 publicly-funded colleges. The Colleges Ontario Awards were established in 2000 to recognize individuals, organizations and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Ontario's college system. This year's awards will be presented in four categories: student excellence, exemplary service, collaboration partnerships, and community volunteer. For more information about the College Ontario Awards, please visit: <http://www.collegesontario.org/>

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